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Attorney Docket No.: JHU1120-13

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Lee and McPherron      Art Unit: 1635  
Application No.: 09/640,887      Examiner: J.E. Angell  
Filed: August 17, 2000      Confirmation No.: 6417  
Title: GROWTH DIFFERENTIATION FACTOR-8 NUCLEIC ACID AND  
POLYPEPTIDE FROM AQUATIC SPECIES, AND TRANSGENIC  
AQUATIC SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action mailed on September 22, 2003.

The requested extension is for Two (2) Months, extending the period for response from December 22, 2003 to February 22, 2004.

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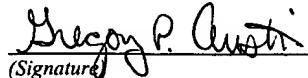
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**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8**

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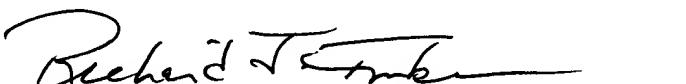
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Enclosed is Check No. 554207 in the amount of \$210.00 in payment of the Two (2) Months extension of time fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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